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WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL OFFICE BUILDING
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73105

HIGHLIGHTS

OKLAHOMA'S SEPTEMBER JOBLESS RATE DROPPED TO 7.5 PERCENT OF THE LABOR FORCE, THE LOWEST SINCE DECEMBER 1982.

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT REACHED AN ESTIMATED 1,407,800 UP MODERATELY FROM AUGUST.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT FELL SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER TO 114,900 FROM 126,600 THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT TOTALED 1,214,200 IN SEPTEMBER, 18,500 ABOVE AUGUST, REFLECTING SEASONAL GROWTH AND THE TERMINATION OF SEVERAL LABOR DISPUTES.

OKLAHOMA LABOR FORCE*
SUMMARY TABLE

ITEM	NUMBER (In Thousands)			PERCENT CHANGE	ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	Sep 1983p	Aug 1983r	Sep 1982r	Aug 1983 Sep 1983	Aug 1983 to Sep 1983	Sep 1982 to Sep 1983
Total Labor Force	**1,522.7**	**1,521.8**	**1,477.1**	**.1**	**.9**	**45.6**
Unemployment	114.9	126.6	96.2	-9.2	-11.7	18.7
Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)	*7.5*	*8.3*	*6.5*	*xxx*	*xxx*	*xxx*
Unemployment Rate (Seas. Adj.)	*7.7*	*8.7*	*6.6*	*xxx*	*xxx*	*xxx*
Total Employment	1,407.8	1,395.2	1,380.9	.9	12.6	26.9
Agriculture	55.1	48.8	55.6	12.9	6.3	-.5
Domestic Service, Self-Employed & Unpaid Family Workers	195.0	200.8	194.0	-2.9	-5.8	1.0
Idled by Labor Disputes	.7	9.2	.2	-92.4	-8.5	.5

* *Data relates to the place-of-residence. Workers involved in labor-management disputes are included in employment total. Only unemployment and total employment data are adjusted according to Current Population Survey (CPS) procedures.* p-*Preliminary;* r-*Revised*

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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Employment in Oklahoma increased moderately to 1,407,800 in September compared to the previous month's revised estimate. This month's employment stood some 26,900 above the year-ago level. Unemployment dropped to 114,900 from 126,600 in August, an over-the-month decline of 9.2 percent. This latest total, however, remained 18,700 greater than the corresponding 1982 month. September's jobless rate fell to 7.5 percent from 8.3 in August, but was still above the year-earlier rate of 6.5 percent.

NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT*

in Oklahoma

NOVEMBER 1983

ITEM	NUMBER (In Thousands)			PERCENT CHANGE	ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	Sep 1983p	Aug 1983r	Sep 1982r	Aug 1983 Sep 1983	Aug 1983 to Sep 1983	Sep 1982 to Sep 1983
Total Wage & Salary**	**1,214.2**	**1,195.7**	**1,229.9**	**1.5**	**18.5**	**-15.7**
Manufacturing	**171.2**	**170.3**	**174.3**	**.5**	**.9**	**-3.1**
Durable Goods	**108.8**	**108.2**	**111.2**	**.6**	**.6**	**-2.4**
Lumber & Wood Products	3.0	3.0	3.3	0	0	-.3
Stone, Clay & Glass	10.1	10.4	10.2	-2.9	-.3	-.1
Primary Metal Industries	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.9	.2	0
Fabricated Metal Products	18.6	18.5	22.1	.5	.1	-3.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	10.2	10.0	12.9	2.0	.2	-2.7
Machinery, except Electrical	33.3	33.3	36.6	0	0	-3.3
Oil Field Machinery	10.3	10.3	12.4	0	0	-2.1
General Industrial Machinery	5.8	5.8	6.4	0	0	-.6
Electric & Electronic Equipment	13.0	12.5	11.8	4.0	.5	1.2
Transportation Equipment	19.9	20.0	15.3	-.5	-.1	4.6
Aircraft & Parts	7.9	8.1	8.5	-2.5	-.2	-.6
Instruments & Related Products	3.0	3.0	3.5	0	0	-.5
Nondurable Goods	**62.4**	**62.1**	**63.1**	**.5**	**.3**	**-.7**
Food & Kindred Products	14.9	14.6	15.3	2.1	.3	-.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.8	9.7	9.4	1.0	.1	.4
Paper & Allied Products	3.1	3.1	3.2	0	0	-.1
Printing & Publishing	10.9	10.9	11.1	0	0	-.2
Newspapers & Periodicals	6.1	6.0	6.1	1.7	.1	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	7.7	7.8	7.9	-1.3	-.1	-.2
Petroleum Refining	7.0	7.1	7.1	-1.4	-.1	-.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	11.5	11.5	11.4	0	0	.1
Tires & Inner Tubes	7.1	7.1	7.1	0	0	0
Mining	**77.4**	**79.8**	**100.8**	**-3.0**	**-2.4**	**-23.4**
Oil & Gas Extraction	74.2	76.6	96.4	-3.1	-2.4	-22.2
Contract Construction	**52.9**	**53.4**	**59.8**	**-.9**	**-.5**	**-6.9**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**67.2**	**63.0**	**71.3**	**6.7**	**4.2**	**-4.1**
Transportation	35.0	35.9	38.0	-2.5	-.9	-3.0
Railroad Transportation	2.4	2.4	2.6	0	0	-.2
Trucking & Warehousing	18.0	18.7	20.5	-3.7	-.7	-2.5
Communications & Public Utilities	32.2	27.1	33.3	18.8	5.1	-1.1
Trade	**302.9**	**300.9**	**299.1**	**.7**	**2.0**	**3.8**
Wholesale	**80.2**	**80.2**	**80.1**	**0**	**0**	**.1**
Retail	**222.7**	**220.7**	**219.0**	**.9**	**2.0**	**3.7**
General Merchandise Stores	30.5	30.3	30.3	.7	.2	.2
Food Stores	38.4	37.9	36.4	1.3	.5	2.0
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	25.3	25.4	26.1	-.4	-.1	-.8
Apparel & Accessory Stores	14.9	14.8	15.3	.7	.1	-.4
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	**64.1**	**64.8**	**62.5**	**-1.1**	**-.7**	**1.6**
Banking	21.8	22.2	22.0	-1.8	-.4	-.2
Insurance Carriers	9.1	9.1	9.2	0	0	-.1
Services	**231.9**	**230.7**	**223.8**	**.5**	**1.2**	**8.1**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	11.5	11.8	11.6	-2.5	-.3	-.1
Personal Services	10.7	10.7	10.9	0	0	-.2
Health Services	70.8	70.8	70.7	0	0	.1
Government	**246.6**	**232.8**	**238.3**	**5.9**	**13.8**	**8.3**
Federal	49.4	50.1	48.3	-1.4	-.7	1.1
State & Local	197.2	182.7	190.0	7.9	14.5	7.2

p-Preliminary; r-Revised.

* *These data were prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics and represent employment on a place-of-work basis. Industries are classified according to the* **Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1972.**

** *These estimates are adjusted to first quarter 1982 benchmark levels, and include all full and part-time employees of nonagricultural establishments who received pay for the period which includes the 12th of the month. Workers involved in labor-management disputes are excluded.*

NONFARM PAYROLL JOBS INCREASE

September nonfarm wage and salary employment for Oklahoma totaled 1,214,200 in September, up 18,500 from August. This increase mainly reflected the reopening of state schools and the termination of several labor disputes.

Government employment gained 13,800 seasonally as nonteaching personnel were hired at schools throughout the state. Other job gains ranged upward from 900 in manufacturing to 4,200 in transportation-public utilities, with wholesale-retail trade and service industries adding 2,000 and 1,200, respectively.

Three industry divisions employed fewer workers in September than August. Specifically, mining continued its downtrend, dropping 2,400, while finance-insurance-real estate was off by 700 and construction lost 500 jobs.

Despite the increase in nonfarm employment between August and September, the job total was 15,700 below the comparable period of a year ago. Mining was accountable for most of the annual loss as employment plummeted by 23,400 due to the slump in that industry. Construction payrolls shrank by 6,900 as high interest rates combined with generally weak economic conditions sharply curtailed residential building. Manufacturing, especially the durable goods producing sector, also lost ground as factories cut back 3,100 workers because of the slowdown in the overall economy. Transportation-public utilities lost 4,100 jobs, mostly in transportation, as trucking and warehouse operations reflected the effects of the recession.

These losses were countered by gains of slightly over 8,000 workers in both government and service divisions. Schools and business services accounted for most of those additions. Trade employment also gained, adding 3,800 jobs, while finance-insurance-real estate moved upward by 1,600 over the year.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hours worked in Oklahoma factories rose to 40.7 in September, almost a full hour longer than the comparable week in August. Hourly earnings also increased, reaching $9.30 from $9.16 the prior month. These gains resulted in an average increase of nearly $14.00 in weekly paychecks for manufacturing workers.

Workers in durable goods plants, as a whole, also averaged more hours and earnings as shown on the Hours and Earnings Table in this publication. In fact, six of the seven industries in the hard goods sector recorded greater weekly earnings. The most substantial increase occurred in transportation equipment where the workweek increased nearly six hours and hourly rates rose 38 cents to $12.06 due to worker recalls and increased production schedules. Electrical and electronic equipment manufacturing sustained the only loss in earnings, but it was only a marginal decline.

September figures also showed an upturn in the earnings of those workers employed in soft goods production. Of the five major industries for which hours and earnings figures are included on the Hours and Earnings Table, three had higher weekly earnings, while two had lower earnings. On the upside, the most significant earnings rise occurred in petroleum refining, where the workweek increased more than 1.5 hours and wage rates edged up ten cents to $12.06 hourly. These combined changes resulted in a gain of $23.70 in weekly earnings in this industry.

A survey of hours and earnings in five major nonmanufacturing industries showed greater earnings in three and declines in the other two major industry divisions. On the downside, retail trade dropped to $216.45 weekly as the workweek slipped seven-tenths of an hour and hourly earnings eased fractionally lower. Construction was down marginally as hours worked eased slightly and hourly pay rose moderately to $11.68 from $11.32 in August. In the three divisions on the plus side, gains were small-to-moderate over this 30-day period.

Year ago comparisons showed manufacturing workers were averaging 9.5 percent greater weekly salaries as the workweek rose over an hour and hourly wage rates rose 55 cents. Public utilities workers averaged 9.9 percent more, while wages of wholesale trade employees were 4.4 percent higher. Conversely, oil and gas extraction personnel, construction workers, and retail trade employees averaged lower earnings than a year ago.

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT

Insured unemployment in Oklahoma totaled 22,632 during the week ending October 22, 1983, slightly below the 22,845 for the comparable week in September. There were also 4,482 persons who had exhausted their regular benefits and were receiving federal supplemental payments. This total represented a drop of 1,506 from the number of such payments provided the previous month.

Insured unemployment fell dramatically from the 53,871 total for the corresponding period of 1982. This reflected improvement in the labor market over the past year as the state and nation has moved out of the severe 1981-1982 recession into a recovery phase.

LABOR FORCE DATA

Total Employment and Unemployment

SEPTEMBER 1983

Area	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
				Current Month	Month Ago	Year Ago
UNITED STATES	102,366,000	9,830,000	112,197,000	8.8	9.2	9.7
OKLAHOMA	1,407,800	114,900	1,522,700	7.5	8.3	6.5
Oklahoma City SMSA*	455,700	27,500	483,200	5.7	6.2	5.1
Tulsa SMSA**	327,400	29,900	357,300	8.4	9.2	7.4
Lawton SMSA***	33,700	2,075	35,775	5.8	6.2	5.4
Enid SMSA****	30,050	2,325	32,375	7.2	6.9	6.6
Adair	6,260	620	6,880	9.0	11.4	8.5
Alfalfa	3,180	120	3,300	3.6	4.1	4.5
Atoka	3,880	490	4,370	11.2	11.5	10.4
Beaver	3,480	110	3,590	3.1	3.6	2.7
Beckham	13,490	1,590	15,080	10.5	12.0	4.9
Blaine	6,020	510	6,530	7.8	8.5	5.7
Bryan	11,960	1,230	13,190	9.3	10.1	6.2
Caddo	12,460	1,370	13,830	9.9	11.1	6.9
Canadian	30,850	1,650	32,500	5.1	5.6	5.9
Carter	18,925	1,875	20,800	9.0	9.6	6.5
Cherokee	13,580	1,300	14,880	8.7	9.6	7.5
Choctaw	5,390	800	6,190	12.9	15.1	10.6
Cimarron	1,630	60	1,690	3.6	3.5	2.8
Cleveland	72,750	3,700	76,450	4.8	5.4	4.5
Coal	1,670	310	1,980	15.7	17.2	12.1
Comanche	33,700	2,075	35,775	5.8	6.2	5.4
Cotton	2,500	120	2,620	4.6	4.7	4.3
Craig	6,710	470	7,180	6.5	7.4	7.0
Creek	28,025	2,950	30,975	9.5	9.4	8.6
Custer	15,680	1,290	16,970	7.6	7.8	3.8
Delaware	9,700	860	10,560	8.1	9.3	7.8
Dewey	3,670	260	3,930	6.6	7.2	5.8
Ellis	2,540	190	2,730	7.0	8.8	6.2
Garfield	30,050	2,325	32,375	7.2	6.9	6.6
Garvin	12,240	1,150	13,390	8.6	9.7	6.0
Grady	18,330	1,940	20,270	9.6	10.3	7.2
Grant	3,120	130	3,250	4.0	4.4	4.0
Greer	2,820	220	3,040	7.2	9.3	4.3
Harmon	1,750	100	1,850	5.4	7.1	4.3
Harper	1,890	150	2,040	7.4	7.2	5.9
Haskell	4,900	640	5,540	11.6	14.3	10.4
Hughes	5,100	910	6,010	15.1	16.3	12.4
Jackson	10,010	670	10,680	6.3	6.6	4.6
Jefferson	3,520	320	3,840	8.3	9.5	7.4
Johnston	3,390	350	3,740	9.4	10.4	8.3
Kay	22,850	2,100	24,950	8.4	8.9	6.6
Kingfisher	9,410	480	9,890	4.9	5.5	3.3
Kiowa	5,780	410	6,190	6.6	8.0	4.7

LABOR FORCE DATA

Total Employment and Unemployment

SEPTEMBER 1983

Area	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
				Current Month	Month Ago	Year Ago
Latimer	2,740	580	3,320	17.5	23.7	14.8
LeFlore	14,930	1,390	16,320	8.5	11.8	10.2
Lincoln	9,710	1,090	10,800	10.1	11.1	8.1
Logan	8,980	1,070	10,050	10.6	11.7	6.6
Love	2,330	280	2,610	10.7	11.0	10.8
McClain	11,090	630	11,720	5.4	6.3	5.2
McCurtain	13,570	1,580	15,150	10.4	11.8	9.9
McIntosh	5,900	620	6,520	9.5	10.9	7.6
Major	4,640	280	4,920	5.7	5.4	5.6
Marshall	4,160	340	4,500	7.6	8.2	5.5
Mayes	15,320	1,370	16,690	8.2	10.1	7.0
Murray	5,090	600	5,690	10.5	11.3	8.4
Muskogee	25,550	2,750	28,300	9.7	10.8	8.7
Noble	5,030	350	5,380	6.5	7.2	4.9
Nowata	4,900	600	5,500	10.9	12.1	14.1
Okfuskee	3,820	460	4,280	10.7	12.2	9.4
Oklahoma	310,800	19,650	330,450	5.9	6.4	5.1
Okmulgee	12,050	1,725	13,775	12.5	14.2	12.0
Osage	18,675	1,250	19,925	6.3	6.8	5.1
Ottawa	11,800	1,150	12,950	8.9	9.9	10.6
Pawnee	5,540	730	6,270	11.6	11.8	10.3
Payne	29,300	1,775	31,075	5.7	6.7	4.5
Pittsburg	12,750	1,775	14,525	12.2	12.9	10.5
Pontotoc	14,250	1,100	15,350	7.2	7.8	6.2
Pottawatomie	30,175	1,900	32,075	5.9	6.8	5.8
Pushmataha	2,490	460	2,950	15.6	18.0	15.4
Roger Mills	2,870	270	3,140	8.6	8.7	3.8
Rogers	22,050	2,100	24,150	8.7	9.9	7.8
Seminole	10,800	1,300	12,100	10.7	11.4	9.2
Sequoyah	11,280	990	12,270	8.1	10.4	9.0
Stephens	20,630	2,000	22,630	8.8	9.3	7.0
Texas	8,070	330	8,400	3.9	4.5	3.7
Tillman	4,280	510	4,790	10.6	11.7	5.7
Tulsa	223,500	20,950	244,450	8.6	9.4	7.5
Wagoner	19,850	1,300	21,150	6.1	6.8	6.6
Washington	25,000	1,310	26,310	5.0	5.3	4.0
Washita	7,620	920	8,540	10.8	11.4	5.6
Woods	5,430	230	5,660	4.1	4.6	3.7
Woodward	17,610	1,360	18,970	7.2	7.7	5.4

Note: Data shown in this table are preliminary figures.
Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

* *Oklahoma City SMSA includes Oklahoma, Canadian, Cleveland, McClain and Pottawatomie Counties.*

** *Tulsa SMSA includes Tulsa, Creek, Mayes, Osage, Rogers and Wagoner Counties.*

*** *Lawton SMSA includes Comanche County only.*

**** *Enid SMSA includes Garfield County only.*

HOURS AND EARNINGS
IN SELECTED OKLAHOMA INDUSTRIES
1982 - 1983

YEAR AND MONTH	MANUFACTURING								
	Average Weekly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours	Average Hourly Earnings
	MANUFACTURING			DURABLE GOODS			STONE, CLAY & GLASS		
1982									
September	$345.63	39.5	$8.75	$350.95	39.3	$8.93	$398.11	41.0	$9.71
October	349.48	39.4	8.87	362.46	39.7	9.13	402.66	41.9	9.61
November	348.08	39.6	8.79	353.73	39.7	8.91	384.96	40.1	9.60
December	357.01	39.8	8.97	366.28	39.9	9.18	403.79	41.8	9.66
1983									
January	360.10	40.1	8.98	365.20	40.0	9.13	412.68	42.5	9.71
February	356.51	39.7	8.98	364.45	39.7	9.18	381.60	39.3	9.71
March	356.90	39.7	8.99	364.45	39.7	9.18	409.28	41.3	9.91
April	360.59	39.8	9.06	365.48	39.9	9.16	425.29	42.7	9.96
May	361.89	39.9	9.07	372.93	40.1	9.30	405.90	41.0	9.90
June	370.58	40.5	9.15	384.74	40.8	9.43	450.26	43.8	10.28
July	376.18	40.8	9.22	384.48	40.6	9.47	452.57	44.5	10.17
August r	364.57	39.8	9.16	369.03	39.3	9.39	436.99	42.8	10.21
September p	378.51	40.7	9.30	389.50	40.7	9.57	443.55	43.4	10.22
1982	PRIMARY METALS			FABRICATED METALS			FABRICATED STRUCTURAL METALS		
September	$344.28	38.0	$9.06	$387.73	40.9	$9.48	$366.03	39.7	$9.22
October	368.02	39.7	9.27	386.16	40.1	9.63	357.10	38.9	9.18
November	363.41	40.2	9.04	356.18	38.8	9.18	364.17	39.8	9.15
December	359.[illegible]	40.3	8.91	362.55	38.9	9.32	365.77	39.5	9.26
1983									
January	357.59	39.6	9.03	350.35	38.5	9.10	360.76	39.6	9.11
February	361.78	39.8	9.09	358.02	39.3	9.11	378.84	41.0	9.24
March	364.57	39.8	9.16	343.93	38.6	8.91	355.11	39.5	8.99
April	374.74	41.0	9.14	340.22	38.4	8.86	346.10	38.8	8.92
May	385.90	42.5	9.08	360.80	40.0	9.02	360.50	40.1	8.99
June	389.48	42.8	9.10	353.73	39.7	8.91	379.45	41.2	9.21
July	389.00	42.7	9.11	364.49	41.0	8.89	384.36	41.6	9.24
August r	394.70	41.9	9.42	363.53	40.8	8.91	378.22	41.2	9.18
September p	406.69	42.9	9.48	368.10	40.9	9.00	394.24	42.3	9.32
1982	MACHINERY EXCEPT ELECTRICAL			OIL FIELD MACHINERY			ELECTRIC & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT		
September	$310.70	38.5	$8.07	$332.99	39.5	$8.43	$370.87	40.8	$9.09
October	307.69	37.8	8.14	337.95	38.8	8.71	375.65	41.1	9.14
November	319.02	39.0	8.18	343.96	39.0	8.82	394.40	42.5	9.28
December	320.97	39.0	8.23	347.70	39.2	8.87	403.09	42.7	9.44
1983									
January	329.51	39.7	8.30	357.80	39.8	8.99	397.11	42.7	9.30
February	329.38	39.4	8.36	359.57	39.6	9.08	394.83	42.5	9.29
March	332.99	39.5	8.43	373.58	40.3	9.27	388.24	42.2	9.20
April	330.91	39.3	8.42	367.32	40.1	9.16	390.15	42.5	9.18
May	335.07	39.7	8.44	372.80	40.0	9.32	391.85	42.5	9.22
June	337.64	40.1	8.42	373.18	39.7	9.40	409.15	43.9	9.32
July	332.21	38.9	8.54	372.09	39.5	9.42	398.68	43.1	9.25
August r	327.28	38.1	8.59	377.85	39.9	9.47	416.70	45.0	9.26
September p	332.44	38.3	8.68	381.90	40.2	9.50	415.30	44.8	9.27
1982	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT			NONDURABLE GOODS			FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS		
September	$393.07	37.4	$10.51	$335.91	39.8	$8.44	$330.40	41.3	$8.00
October	447.52	40.1	11.16	327.15	38.9	8.41	333.73	41.1	8.12
November	425.32	40.2	10.58	338.91	39.5	8.58	338.66	41.0	8.26
December	459.60	40.0	11.49	340.16	39.6	8.59	327.59	41.0	7.99
1983									
January	448.72	39.5	11.36	350.14	40.2	8.71	353.21	42.3	8.35
February	454.72	39.2	11.60	342.14	39.6	8.64	325.92	41.1	7.93
March	452.37	39.2	11.54	342.54	39.6	8.65	335.58	42.0	7.99
April	441.54	38.8	11.38	351.16	39.5	8.89	334.94	40.5	8.27
May	449.31	38.7	11.61	343.80	39.7	8.66	320.60	43.5	7.37
June	471.64	39.6	11.91	345.20	40.0	8.63	316.83	42.7	7.42
July	463.24	38.7	11.97	361.74	41.2	8.78	323.25	44.1	7.33
August r	398.29	34.1	11.68	356.13	40.7	8.75	312.36	41.1	7.60
September p	479.99	39.8	12.06	358.97	40.7	8.82	317.06	41.5	7.64

See footnotes at end of table.

HOURS AND EARNINGS
IN SELECTED OKLAHOMA INDUSTRIES
1982 - 1983

MANUFACTURING

YEAR AND MONTH	Average Weekly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours	Average Hourly Earnings
	APPAREL & OTHER TEXTILES			PRINTING & PUBLISHING			NEWSPAPERS & PERIODICALS		
1982									
September	$175.77	37.8	$4.65	$324.63	38.6	$8.41	$353.16	40.5	$8.72
October	166.06	36.1	4.60	330.46	39.2	8.43	345.86	39.8	8.69
November	174.10	37.2	4.68	342.10	40.2	8.51	343.87	39.8	8.64
December	176.15	37.8	4.66	349.92	40.5	8.64	361.20	40.0	9.03
1983									
January	178.42	37.8	4.72	357.24	39.3	9.09	364.55	38.7	9.42
February	174.38	37.5	4.65	357.01	39.8	8.97	346.14	37.3	9.28
March	175.68	37.7	4.66	348.98	39.3	8.88	356.90	38.5	9.27
April	179.89	37.4	4.81	344.93	38.8	8.89	359.84	38.2	9.42
May	174.74	37.1	4.71	339.34	38.3	8.86	359.98	38.5	9.35
June	177.38	37.5	4.73	353.34	39.0	9.06	368.83	38.5	9.58
July	174.10	37.2	4.68	356.80	39.6	9.01	369.72	39.0	9.48
August *r*	181.54	37.9	4.79	356.69	39.5	9.03	379.29	39.8	9.53
September *p*	174.56	37.3	4.68	354.37	39.2	9.04	365.34	39.2	9.32

NONMANUFACTURING

	PETROLEUM REFINING			CONSTRUCTION			OIL & GAS EXTRACTION		
1982									
September	$511.52	42.1	$12.15	$434.81	37.1	$11.72	$464.81	42.8	$10.86
October	478.37	39.6	12.08	445.41	38.2	11.66	449.43	42.6	10.55
November	521.51	39.3	13.27	420.48	36.5	11.52	436.56	42.8	10.20
December	505.72	40.2	12.58	436.73	37.2	11.74	448.73	42.9	10.46
1983									
January	515.53	42.5	12.13	437.16	37.3	11.72	454.40	43.4	10.47
February	506.21	40.4	12.53	423.00	36.0	11.75	442.81	41.5	10.67
March	511.34	39.7	12.88	434.31	36.9	11.77	440.96	42.4	10.40
April	507.85	39.8	12.76	415.35	35.5	11.70	416.30	40.3	10.33
May	524.12	41.4	12.66	409.25	34.8	11.76	425.99	41.0	10.39
June	507.87	40.5	12.54	442.26	37.8	11.70	430.50	42.0	10.25
July	580.11	44.9	12.92	430.07	37.3	11.53	421.26	41.3	10.20
August *r*	526.24	44.0	11.96	425.63	37.6	11.32	414.50	40.4	10.26
September *p*	549.94	45.6	12.06	425.15	36.4	11.68	419.83	40.8	10.29

	PUBLIC UTILITIES			WHOLESALE TRADE			RETAIL TRADE*		
1982									
September	$421.61	40.5	$10.41	$345.47	40.5	$8.53	$217.56	34.1	$6.38
October	409.20	40.0	10.23	349.06	40.4	8.64	216.78	34.3	6.32
November	408.80	40.0	10.22	348.09	41.0	8.49	222.60	35.0	6.36
December	421.83	40.6	10.39	350.14	41.0	8.54	228.15	36.1	6.32
1983									
January	421.22	39.7	10.61	345.82	40.4	8.56	225.44	33.9	6.65
February	418.84	39.7	10.55	340.54	40.3	8.45	217.85	34.2	6.37
March	418.18	39.6	10.56	345.87	40.5	8.54	224.55	34.6	6.49
April	415.66	39.7	10.47	353.23	39.6	8.92	213.23	33.9	6.29
May	426.66	39.8	10.72	352.00	40.0	8.80	214.80	33.2	6.47
June	430.92	40.5	10.64	356.17	40.2	8.86	222.26	34.3	6.48
July	432.39	40.6	10.65	358.09	40.1	8.93	226.15	34.9	6.48
August *r*	462.58	40.9	11.31	357.62	40.5	8.83	221.34	34.0	6.51
September *p*	463.20	41.1	11.27	360.69	40.3	8.95	216.45	33.3	6.50

Note: Averages are for production or nonsupervisory workers only and cover both full and part-time employees. Overtime hours and pay are included and changes in the amount of overtime may affect these data. There are approximately 123,400 production workers in manufacturing. These data revised to a 1982 benchmark.

Above industries have been classified according to the **Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual, 1972.**

*p-Preliminary; r-Revised. *Excludes eating and drinking establishments.*

Source: Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Research and Planning.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

1967 = 100

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS			URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS		
ANNUAL AVERAGES AND CHANGES 1979 - 1982*						
Year	Index		Percent Change From Previous Year	Index		Percent Change From Previous Year
1979	217.4		13.3	217.7		11.5
1980	246.8		12.4	247.0		13.5
1981	272.4		8.9	272.3		10.2
1982	289.1		3.9	288.6		3.9
MONTH AND YEAR-AGO CHANGES						
Year	Sep Index	Aug Index	% Change Month Ago	% Change Year Ago	Sep Index	Aug Index	% Change Month Ago	% Change Year Ago
1983	301.8	300.3	.5	2.9	300.8	299.5	.4	2.9

* *Annual changes are from December to December, not seasonally adjusted.*

** *Change less than one-tenth of one percent.*

COMPARISONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT RATES*

United States and Oklahoma

1980 - 1983

MONTH	1980				1981				1982				1983				MONTH
	RATE UNADJ.		SEAS. ADJ.		RATE UNADJ.		SEAS. ADJ.		RATE UNADJ.		SEAS. ADJ.		RATE UNADJ.		SEAS. ADJ.		
	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	
Jan.	6.8	4.3	6.2	3.9	8.2	4.4	7.4	4.1	9.4	4.7	8.6	4.2	11.4	7.9	10.4	7.1	Jan.
Feb.	6.8	4.3	6.2	3.9	8.0	4.0	7.4	3.7	9.6	4.5	8.8	4.3	11.3	8.9	10.4	8.5	Feb.
Mar.	6.6	4.3	6.3	4.4	7.7	3.6	7.3	3.6	9.5	4.4	9.0	4.5	10.8	8.8	10.3	9.1	Mar.
Apr.	6.6	4.9	6.9	5.0	7.0	3.4	7.3	3.4	9.2	4.6	9.3	4.7	10.0	8.3	10.2	8.5	Apr.
May	7.0	5.9	7.6	6.1	7.1	3.3	7.5	3.5	9.1	4.9	9.4	5.1	9.8	8.8	10.1	9.3	May
June	7.8	5.5	7.5	5.0	7.7	3.5	7.4	3.2	9.8	5.5	9.5	5.3	10.2	9.2	10.0	8.9	June
July	7.9	5.4	7.6	5.1	7.3	3.4	7.2	3.2	9.8	6.0	9.8	5.8	9.4	8.8	9.5	8.5	July
Aug.	7.5	5.0	7.6	5.2	7.2	3.1	7.3	3.3	9.6	6.0	9.9	6.2	9.0	8.3	9.4	8.7	Aug.
Sept.	7.1	4.7	7.4	5.1	7.3	3.4	7.6	3.6	9.7	6.5	10.2	6.6	8.6	7.5	9.1	7.7	Sept.
Oct.	7.1	4.7	7.6	5.0	7.5	3.6	8.0	3.8	9.9	6.8	10.5	7.0					Oct.
Nov.	7.1	4.5	7.5	4.8	7.9	3.9	8.3	4.0	10.4	7.1	10.7	7.1					Nov.
Dec.	6.9	4.3	7.4	4.5	8.3	3.8	8.3	4.0	10.5	6.8	10.8	7.0					Dec.
ANNUAL AVERAGE	7.1	4.8	--	--	7.6	3.6	--	--	9.7	5.7	--	--					ANNUAL AVERAGE

* *Based on percent of Civilian Labor Force. Seasonally adjusted series for U.S. and Oklahoma are revised. U.S. unemployment rate based on percent of Civilian Labor Force.*

Note: The rates shown for Oklahoma are revised to a 1982 Current Population Survey (CPS) Benchmark, as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Research and Planning.

AREA SUMMARY

OKLAHOMA CITY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)

Employment increased to 455,700 in the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Area during September, up 4,600 from August and 18,100 ahead of the year-ago total. Unemployment dropped 2,500 to 27,500, but this was still 3,800 more than the September 1982 level. Jobless rates were 5.7 percent this September, 6.2 for August and 5.1 a year ago.

Nonfarm wage and salary employment increased to 457,900, up 10,700 monthly. Most significant was a 5,500 gain in transportation-public utilities where a strike was terminated and workers returned to their jobs. Also, government was up 2,900 seasonally. Over the year, nonagricultural employment rose 8,600 as the transportation equipment segment of manufacturing rebounded due to worker recalls. Also, services added 4,000 jobs and trade had 2,900 more workers than twelve months earlier.

TULSA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)

Tulsa area employment reached 327,400 in September, slightly higher than its month and year-ago levels. Unemployment dropped to 29,900, off 3,000 over the month, but still 3,700 more than last year. Jobless rates were 8.4 percent this September, 9.1 in August and 7.4 for September 1982.

Nonfarm wage and salary employment increased seasonally in September to 313,400, or 4,100 more than August. The settlement of a labor dispute added 2,200 in transportation-public utilities and government gained 1,800 seasonally. Compared to a year ago, this September's nonfarm employment was down 6,800 as manufacturing remained 5,000 below its year-ago level. Also, mining, construction and trade employment trailed their year-earlier levels.

LAWTON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)

Lawton area employment reached 33,700 in September, or 475 more than the month before and 1,150 ahead of its year-earlier total. Unemployment dropped 125 over the month but still remained 225 greater than last year's estimate. Jobless rates were 5.8 percent this September, 6.2 in August and 5.4 percent a year ago.

Nonagricultural employment totaled 30,700 in September, an increase of 450 over the previous month and 400 above last year's total. A seasonal gain of 325 in government was the dominant factor in the monthly picture, while scattered gains contributed to the overall annual upturn.

ENID METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)

Enid area employment rose 175 in September from August to 30,050, thus pushing the current total 1,000 above the year-earlier level. Unemployment edged to 2,325, or 100 higher in September than August and 250 greater than September 1982. Jobless rates were 7.2 percent for the most recent month, 6.9 the month before and 6.7 percent for the year-ago period.

Nonagricultural payroll recorded a minor upturn in September from August of 175 jobs and stood 400 above a year ago. In the short term, a seasonal increase in government accounted for most of the net gain. Over the twelve months span, sizeable gains in construction, transportation-public utilities, trade and service combined to produce the over-the-year upturn.

BALANCE OF STATE

Oklahoma's unemployment rate, as a whole, improved rather dramatically in September from August, falling to 7.5 from 8.3 percent. On an individual basis, 72 of the state's 77 counties recorded jobless rate decreases while only five were higher than the month before. In those five, the increases were small-to-moderate. In spite of the improved situation, unemployment rates in 31 counties exceeded the national rate of 8.8 percent.